

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 190

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A RESOLUTION to designate February 2007, as “Montessori Month” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Montessori, a native of Italy whose observations of children and of their development led her to design what has come to be known as the Montessori Method of Education, provided to the world a great departure from the educational philosophies of the early 20th century and instituted a movement that has spanned the globe and continues today to influence educational practices throughout Tennessee, the United States, and the World; and

WHEREAS, a system for the education of children from birth through secondary schools, the Montessori program focuses upon providing materials, techniques, and experiences that support the learners’ natural development and encourages children to “learn how to learn,” to gain independence and self-confidence, and to promote the principles of peace and responsible world citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Montessori Method is based upon thoughtful observation of individual children and includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among children and peace to humankind; and

WHEREAS, Montessorians around the world will gather in February of 2007 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first Montessori School; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize the immeasurable contributions of Tennessee’s Montessori Schools, and congratulate all Montessorians upon the 100th Anniversary of the first Montessori School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate the month of February 2007, as “Montessori Month”

in Tennessee, as we recognize the state's many Montessori schools as valuable educational resources and pay tribute to the long and distinguished history of the Montessori Method and to the teachers, both past and present, who have contributed immeasurably to the education of our citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy